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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM ON PRG GVN HAS
CIRCULATED TO GOVTS MEMBERS OF NON ALIGNED CONF (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT. IT IS WORLDWIDELY KNOWN THAT THE SO CALLED
"PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVT OF SOUTH VIETNAM" (PRG)
WAS CREATED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES WITH
A VIEW TO OVERTHROWING THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND TO ANNEXING SOUTH VIETNAM TO THE
TOTALITARIAN REGIME IN THE NORTH AGAINST THE WISH AND WILL OF
TH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHOSE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IS
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REPEATEDLY DEMANDED FOR RESPECT BY A GREAT NUMBER OF

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FOREIGN STATES IN THE WORLD AND RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE
AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE CONCLUDED AT
PARIS ON JANUARY 27, 1973, WHICH SAID, "THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IS SACRED,
INALIENABLE, AND SHALL BE RESPECTED BY ALL COUNTREIES." (ARTICLE 9A).

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SO-CALLED PRG HAS NO ESSENTIAL
QUALIFICATIONS FOR A GENUINE GOVT OR STATE, HAVING NEITHER
CAPITAL, NOR TERRITORY OR POPULATION. IT IS NEEDLESS TO REPEAT
HERE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT
IN VIETNAM, THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,
WHOSE CAPITAL IS SAIGON AND WHICH IS ASSURING EFFECTIVE CONTROL
ON ALMOST ALL THE TERRITORY AND POPULATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
THIS GOVT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED EITHER DE JURE OR DE
FACTO BY A GREAT NUMBER OF GOVTS IN THE WORLD WITH WHICH
IT HAS BEEN MAINTAINING HARMONIOUS AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. THE
LEGITIMACY OF THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS SOLE
GOVT OF SOUTH VIENAM WAS EMPHASIZED BY THE GOVT OF
FRANCE, JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND THE LIKE, AND RECENTLY
BY HER BRITANNIC MAJERSTY'S GOVT IN THE BRITISH
PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECY IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE ANTHONY ROYLE'S DECLARATION AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON
JULY 17, 1973, WHO SAID, "WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WITH ITS CAPITAL AT
SAIGON AS THE ONLY LEGAL GOVT OO SOUTH VIETNAM WHOSE
TERRITORY LIES SOUTH OF THEDEMARCATION LINE.

4. FURTHERMORE, THE PARIS AGREEMENT DID NOT ESTABLISH TWO
GOVTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ON THE CONTRARY, THE PRINCIPLE
OF A ONE AND SINGLE SOUTH VIETNAM IS RECOGNIZED IN ITS SEVERAL
ARTICLES. ARTICLE 18E OF THE AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY STIPULATED
THAT "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION
SHALL CARRY OUT ITS TASKES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF
RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM." ARTICLE 14
IS ALSO UNEQUIVOCAL IN THIS RESPECT WHEN PROVIDING THAT "SOUTH
VIETNAM WILL PURSUE A FOREIGN POLICY OF PEASE AND INDEPENDENCE.
IT WILL BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES
...ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY."

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TM BESIDES, THE PARIS AGREEMENT DID NOT MENTION ANYWHERE SUCH
NAME AS PRG. THE SIGNATURE OF THE REP OF THE
NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (NLF), WHICH HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THE
NAME OF PRG, WAS AFFIXED IN A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AT THE END
OF THE DOCUMENT, QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE BEARING THE
SIGNATURE OF THE REP OF THE GOVT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE ENSUING FINAL ACT OF THE INTERNATIONA
CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM, SIGNED ALSO AT PARIS ON MARCH 2, 1973,

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STATED PRECISELY IN ARTICLE 9 THAT "SIGNATURE OF THIS ACT DOES
NOT CONSITUTE RECOGNITION OF ANY PARTY IN ANY CASE WHICH IT
HAS NOT PRVIOUSLY BEEN ACCORDED."

6. IN THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, THE PARIS AGREEMENT DID NOT
ESTABLISH"TWO TERRITORIES" IN SOUTH VIETNAM EITHER. ARTICLE 3
FORMALLY REFERRED ONLY TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN PARAGRAPH
A, "THE UNITED STATES FORCES AND THOSE OF THE OTHER FOREIGN
COUNTRIES ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM SHALL...", WHICH MEANS IT RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS
ONLY ONE ADMINISTRATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS IS REINFORCED
BY THE FACT THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN SOME ARTICLES
EXPLICITY UNDERLINED THE CONCEPT AND DEVOTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF
A ONE AND SINGLE SOUTH VIETNAM AS ESTABLISHED BY THE GENEVA
AGREEMENT OF JULY 20, 1954, WHICH HAD PROVIDED THE EXISTENCE
OF A SINGLE ADMINISTRATION IN EACH ZONE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE
17TH PARALLEL, THE DEMARCATION LINE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
VIETNAM. IT DID NOT CREATE A SECOND VIETNAM BELOW THE 17TH PARALLEL.

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7. THE FACT THAT THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS

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AT PRESENT MOMENT IN ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NLF WITH A VIEW TO REACHING THE SOONEST POSSIBLE A POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR THE QUESTION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, BASED ON THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE THROUGH GENUINELY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS, DOES NOT MEAN THERE ARE TWO GOVTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IT IS MERELY AN ATTEMPT FOR A SOLUTION IN THE SPIRIT OF NATION RECONCILLIATION AND CONCORD AND GREAT UNITY OF THE PEOPLE. ANYWAY, THIS IS PURELY AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH NO FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE ANY RIGHT TO IMPOSE PPLITICAL TENDENCY ON THE SOUTHVIETNAMESE PEOPLE AS STIPULATED BY ARTICLE 9C OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

8. IN THIS CONNECTION, ANY ATTEMPT BY FOREIGN GOVTS TO GRANT RECOGNITION TO THE FICTITIOUS SO-CALLED PRG IS NOT ONLY ILLOGICAL AND IN VIOLATION OF THE GENEVA AND THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, BUT ALSO SERVES TO DELLAY A POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR RESTORING LASTING PEACE IN VIETNAM WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT, SHOULD BE REALIZED THE SOONEST POSSIBLE BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TWO SIDES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. NOW THAT THE US AND ALLIED FORCES HAVE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, THE SOLUTION FOR THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM IS ENTIRELY AND INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AS RECOGNIZED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 9B) AND CONFIRMED BY THE FINAL ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM (ARTICLE 4 AND 5).

9. ALSO, THE ADMISSION OF THE SO CALLED PRG AS FULL MEMBER BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OR GROUPP, SUCH AS THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT ALGIERS IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, IS A SERIOUS INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND WILL CREATE DIFFICULTIES TO THE FREE CHOICE OF HER PEOPLE.

10. IF THE SAID NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE ADMITTED THE PRG WHILE THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS NOT YET BEEN HELD, IT WOULD COMMIT A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PRICIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION ADOPTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN THEIR VARIOUS CONFERENCES. IT IS REMINDED THAT IN THE ASIAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE AT BANDUNG ON APRIL 18-24, 1955, THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS DECLARED THEY WOULD RESPECT THE PRINCIPLE OF "ABSTENTION FROM INTERVENTION OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY" (FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF 24.4 1955, G-4) AND REAFFIRMED IT IN THE ENSUING CONFERENCES OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AT BELGRADE, CAIRO, LUSAKA AND SO FORTH.

1. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS AT THE GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE THAT THIS PRINCIPLE WAS NOT RESPECTED WHEN THE PRG WAS ADMITTED AS

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MEMBER, EVEN TEMPORARILY FOR THIS SOLE CONFERENCE. THIS
HAPPENED WHEN THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS, ADMITTED SINCE THE
BANDUNG CONFERENCE, WAS VIOLTATED, RESULTING IN THE PROTEST OF
9 NATIOONS AND THE WALK-OUT OF INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND LAOS.

12. THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THEREFORE,
EARNESTLY AND SINCERLY HOPES THA ALL FOREIGN STATES,
PARTICULARLY THOSE BELONG TO THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC, AND

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR GROUPS, WOULD SUPPORT ITS EFFORT
TO CHECK ANY ATTEMPT OF INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
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OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND PRESSURE IN ANY FORM ON HER PEOPLE IN THE
CHOICE OF THEIR DESTINY THROUGH GENUINELY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC
GENERA ELECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WHICH IS THE
OBJECT OF CURRENT NEGOTS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES OF SOUTH
VIETNAM NOW PROCEEDING AT LA CELLE-ST. CLOUD, FRANCE.
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